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	c.	after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowand and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.							
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5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:							
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.							

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